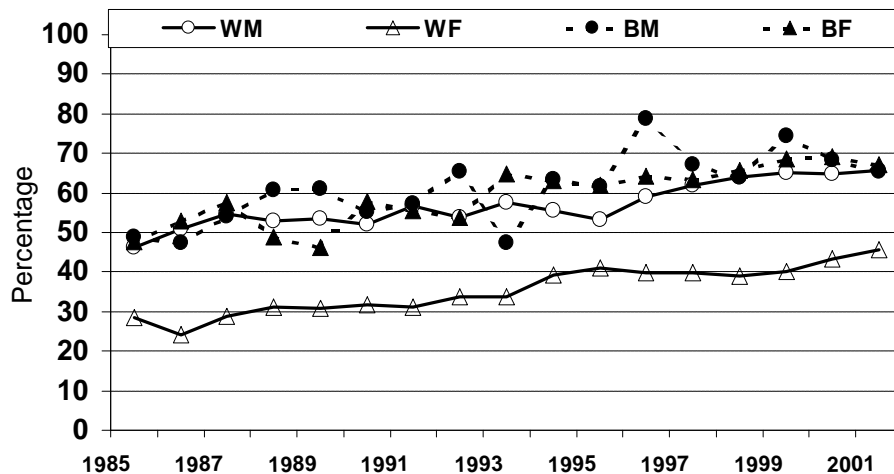


South Carolina Health Disparities: Prevalence of Overweight & Obesity*



*BMI \geq 25
Source: DHEC BRFSS

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- Overweight and obesity continues to increase among South Carolinians at levels significantly above the national level.
- Blacks of both genders and white males have similarly high levels of overweight; while white females continue to have significantly lower, but still increasing levels of overweight.
- Overweight and obesity are associated with increased rates of diabetes and heart disease.